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June 26 and 30, 2003

**INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR OPEN HOUSES
SEEK PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

June 26 and 30, 2003 – Let us know what's important to you and your community by attending two public Open Houses scheduled for June 26 and 30 from noon to 8:30 p.m. in Montgomery and Prince George's counties. The Open Houses are designed to encourage citizens' involvement in the project planning phase of the Intercounty Connector (ICC) study. The ICC is a link between I-270 and I-95/US 1 within central and eastern Montgomery County and western Prince George's County.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), these public Open Houses are part of SHA's Scoping process. National Historic Preservation Act (Section 106) procedures provide the opportunity for public input regarding cultural resources.

Open House participants can learn about study efforts by talking one-on-one with project team members, viewing maps of the study area, receiving project information materials, commenting on the project study and reviewing the next steps of the study. To find out more about the Open Houses as well as the latest project information call toll free 1-866-462-0020.

June 26
John F. Kennedy High School
1901 Randolph Road
Silver Spring, MD 20902
Noon to 8:30 p.m.

June 30
High Point High School
3601 Powder Mill Road
Beltsville, MD 20705
Noon to 8:30 p.m.

You now can attend an Open House from the comfort of your home, your office or at your local library. Just log onto www.iccstudy.org to participate in the ICC Virtual Open House. From the home page you will be directed to the Virtual Open House where you will find all the meeting materials, view maps and be able register your comment.

The ICC Study team is committed to involving Maryland residents in the project through a comprehensive approach. Public involvement is crucial to the success of any transportation project, therefore keeping the public informed and involved is the study team's primary goal. Open Houses will be held in conjunction with project milestones throughout the study. The next Open Houses are scheduled for fall, along with an Alternates Public Meeting.

The Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) is the sponsoring agency for the ICC study and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) is the lead federal agency, with support from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. In addition, several state and federal review, resource and regulatory agencies are participating in the study.

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